



General Assembly

January Session, 2001

**Committee Bill No. 6424**

LCO No. 4821

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and  
Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**AN ACT REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF VOTING OR VOTING  
REGISTRATION TO CONSERVATORS OF RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN  
INSTITUTIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (a) The administrator of an institution, as defined  
2       in subsection (a) of section 9-159q of the general statutes, a residential  
3       facility for the mentally retarded licensed pursuant to section 17a-227,  
4       or a community residence, as defined in section 19a-507a of the general  
5       statutes, shall use his or her best efforts to provide written notice to  
6       any conservator or guardian appointed to manage the affairs of a  
7       resident of such institution, facility or residence pursuant to sections  
8       45a-644 to 45a-663, inclusive, or sections 45a-668 to 45a-684, inclusive,  
9       of the general statutes, at least seven days prior to the date any voter  
10      registration or voting opportunity is presented to the resident with  
11      respect to a primary, referendum or election. Such voter registration or  
12      voting opportunity includes, but is not limited to, the solicitation or  
13      completion of: (1) An application for admission as an elector; (2) an  
14      absentee ballot application; or (3) an absentee ballot, regardless of  
15      whether supervised absentee ballot voting will take place at such

16 institution. The administrator of such institution, facility or residence  
17 shall also use his or her best efforts to provide written notice to any  
18 such conservator or guardian at least seven days prior to the date  
19 when the resident may be brought to a polling place to vote in person.

20 (b) Any such notice shall indicate that the resident is entitled to vote  
21 or register to vote unless the resident is determined incompetent to do  
22 so by a probate court, or unless the registrars of voters or their  
23 designees jointly conclude at a supervised voting session that the  
24 resident declines to vote the ballot or they are unable to determine how  
25 the resident desires to vote the ballot, as provided in subsection (g) of  
26 section 9-159q of the general statutes. The notice shall also specify that  
27 a resident who requires assistance to vote in accordance with section 9-  
28 264 of the general statutes, by reason of blindness, disability or  
29 inability to read or write may receive assistance from a person of the  
30 resident's choosing.

31 (c) The administrator of any such institution, facility or residence  
32 may also provide such notice to a person with a power of attorney for  
33 a resident of the institution, facility or residence.

34 Sec. 2. (NEW) Any probate court proceeding to determine an  
35 individual's competency to vote in a primary, referendum or election  
36 shall be conducted not later than fifteen days after the guardian or  
37 conservator files a petition and shall be privileged with respect to  
38 assignment for trial.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require that the conservator or guardian of a resident of a nursing home or other health care institution be notified of voting or voting registration opportunities available to the resident of such home or institution and to assign priority to hearings concerning competency to vote.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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